

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 17-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 are withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 11 and 21 are amended and claim 12 is canceled. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Wang at the interview held April 12. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 11-12 and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,522,002 to Chun et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,034,821 to Schenfeld and in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,337,388 to Jacobowitz et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, the applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest an interconnection having a first exposed end facing outside the molded body, the first exposed end and a first side of the molded body being on the same first plane, the first exposed end not extending beyond the first plane and similar features for the second exposed end, as claimed in claim 11 and similarly claimed in claim 21.

The features discussed above and recited in at least claims 11 and 21 provide the advantage of more easily establishing electrical connections are multiple sides of the molded body. The applied art does not disclose the features of the claimed invention discussed above, nor does the applied art provide the advantages discussed above.

For at least the reasons set forth above, independent claims 11 and 21 define patentable subject matter. Claims depending from claim 11 are likewise distinguishable over

the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above as well as the additional features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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